A Copy of the

French King's Letter

TO THE

Archbiſhop of Paris,

Upon the Publiſhing

The PEACE with the Duke of *Savoy*.

Coufen,

AS in this War which I Sustain Alone, after Nine Years Continuance, against a Conspiracy of all *Europe*, I have no other Aim but to Defend Religion, and the Majesty of Affronted Kings: God has Protected his Cause, He has Conducted my Designs, and Seconded my Enterprises; Which is by so much the more pleasing to me as I have judg'd they might Contribute towards Peace. I have made no other Advantage of these Successes than to Offer to my Enemies Conditions more Advantageous than they could have desir'd, even tho they had been of much superiour to Me as I have still kept my self to Them. I have thought my self oblig'd to Omit nothing that might Advance the Happiness of *Europe*, and I have done what I could to Testifie to my Brother the Duke of *Savoy*, with what Earnestness I did desire to see Renew'd between Us that good Understanding which had been Establish'd through so many Ages, and was founded upon the Bonds of Blood and Amity, and which had not been interrupted but by the Artifice of mine Enemies. My Wishes are heard, this Prince has Acknowledg'd his own true Interests, and my good Intentions. It is to be hoped that the Confederates, Influenced by this Example, and the Miseries of their People will imitate his Conduct; Or if they persist in the same Sentiments, they shall know more than ever, that nothing is impossible to Troops which are accustomed to Conquer, and are led by the desire of Peace. It is to render Thanks to the God of Armies, who has been pleas'd to show Himself the God of Peace, and to Pray Him to Restore it to *Europe*, that I have resolv'd to Order, that *Te Deum* be Sung in the Cathedral Church of *Paris* on the 13th of this present Month.

Sign'd *Louis, &c.*

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